



## METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

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### *Media Release/Photo Opportunity*

### ***Metro Action Head Start Program Joins National Celebration of the Week of the Young Child***

Nashville—The Metropolitan Action Commission Head Start Program, which is the largest provider of Early Childhood Education in Davidson County, will join the national celebration of the Week of the Young Child beginning Monday, April 14.

Week of the Young Child, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, is celebrated nationally by early childhood programs across the country, including Head Start programs.

The Metro Action Head Start program will host events throughout the week that are designed to celebrate the children and their families through a “learn through play” concept. Although there are activities planned each day at all seven Head Start locations, below is a list of highlighted events scheduled throughout the week:

#### **Monday, April 14**

- Ross Head Start Center (1310 Ordway Place, 37206) **Art Festival Day**. The children will create drawings and paintings of their favorite book character. (10 a.m.-2 p.m.). The art work will remain on display throughout the week.
- Dudley Head Start Center (1203 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 37210) **Crazy Hats and Sunglasses**. The staff and students will wear crazy hats and sunglasses that reflect their favorite activity, character or sport. (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)

#### **Tuesday, April 15**

- Richland Head Start (5900 Charlotte Pike, 37209), **Share My Muffin Day** (9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.). Children will have muffins with their parents during breakfast
- North Head Start Center (1654 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., North, 37208), **Read To Me Day**. Cynthia Croom, the agency's Executive Director along with the Leadership Team will read to the children during their story time. (10 a.m.-11 a.m.).

#### **Wednesday, April 16**

- Ross Head Start (1310 Ordway Place, 37206), **Family Fitness Day**. Children, staff and parents will enjoy outdoor exercise activities on the Ross Head Start Playground. This event is motivated by Mayor Karl Dean's “Let's Get Moving Challenge” and the Healthy Nashville Initiative. (10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

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**Wednesday, April 16 (Continued)**

- Berry Head Start (2233 Winford Avenue, 37211, near Nolensville Road at 1-440), **Cookies with My Favorite Bear**. Children will bring their favorite stuffed Teddy Bear and decorate special cookies for their “milk and cookie break” after lunch. (12:30 p.m.)

**Thursday, April 17**

- Susan Gray Head Start (445 Cotton Lane (37211), just off Nolensville Road) will celebrate **International Day**. Nearly 11 languages are spoken at the center. Staff, students and their parents will be dressed in cultural attire. The parents will give a brief narrative of their culture. The Nashville Fire Department and the Pediatrics Mobile Unit will also be on hand to allow tours of their vehicles. (9 a.m.-10 a.m.)
- Tom Joy Head Start (1901 Lischee Avenue, 37207, just off Trinity Lane) will celebrate **Spirit Day**. Children will wear their favorite team jersey and the staff will entertain the children with a special puppet show. (10am-12 noon)

**Friday, April 18**

- Richland Head Start (5900 Charlotte Pike, 37209, near White Bridge Road), **Spring Fling Prom**. Children will be “dressed to dance.” The children will also enjoy music, and games (10am-2pm).
- Berry Head Start (2233 Winford Avenue, 37211, near Nolensville Road at 1-440), will have **Field Day** activities both indoor and outdoor such as tricycle races, jump rope competitions, relay races and much more. (10am-2pm)

For information about covering the 2008 Week of the Young Child events held at any Metro Action Commission Head Start location, please contact Lisa Gallon at 862-8860, Ext. 144 or 566-4710 (cell).

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